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Dear

This is a final response to your 11 June 2009 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received on 11 June 2009 in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator, for records "pertaining in whole or in part to Ali Osman Taha (alternate spellings: Ali Uthman Taha or Ali Othman Taha), Vice President of Sudan."

Your FOIA request cannot be accepted in its current form, because it would require the Agency to perform an unreasonably burdensome search. The FOIA requires requesters to "reasonably describe" the information they seek so that professional employees familiar with the subject matter can locate responsive information with a reasonable amount of effort. Because of the breadth and lack of specificity of your request, and the way in which our records systems are configured, the Agency cannot conduct a reasonable search for information responsive to your request. We encourage you to refine the scope of your request (such as a narrower, more specific event or description of the information you seek on the individual) to enable us to conduct a reasonable search for responsive information.

Sincerely,

Delores M. Nelson
Information and Privacy Coordinator